

"Ponder the path of thy feet and Let all thy ways be Established," Prov. 4-26.

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Christ Preached to the Spirits in Prison

After we have taken a backward glimpse of that portion of Christ's Mission here on earth. Of the blinding of the eyes of the Jews, and the bringing of judgment to the Gentiles. With these facts before us; and comprehending by this, the great links being fastened together in the Grand Old Chain of the Word of God, with the two man theory. By this we proceed to take up another very important point; as our heading will show.

"Christ preached to the spirits in prison." Where did he do this? And when did He do this? This is the great problem to be solved; for it is taught that Christ went by Noah, and preached to these spirits. But we, in regard to this, like many other sayings of men, do not believe a word of it. The reason why we do not, is, that God in his word, has taught us quite different. And for the beginning of this proof, we shall quote you this:

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins the just for the unjust that he might bring us to God being put to death in the flesh but quickened by the Spirit.

By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison." 1 Peter 3-18-19.

The Word says He (Christ) went and preached to the spirits in prison. He did not go to the spirits in the prison houses of the dead, by Noah and preach to them, but He Himself went, and preached to them.

Those spirits was the ones of the Jews, who had mingled themselves with the Gentiles; which was a great curse, as we have shown in a former statement; Which curse could not be removed only through the death of Christ. Those spirits who in Noah's time, had committed this wrong, with all others who had done the same.

But the curse becoming so great, in Noah's time, that it brought the flood upon the earth. God in his Word speaks of it in this language:

"Which sometime were disobedient when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah while the ark was a preparing wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." 1 Peter 3-20.

This does not say Noah went and preached to the spirits. But that they were disobedient in his time. And it was these spirits of disobedience, that Christ went and preached to. Therefore, we say unto you, read,

"Verily, verily, I say unto you the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the son of God; and

they that hear shall live." St. John 5-25.

Some would have you believe that he was speaking of those who were dead in trespasses and sins, but this was not the case; it was the Gentiles who were called no people. For the hour was right then, when Jesus was speaking, that the dead should hear the voice of Christ. This proves that Christ was speaking of a people, that was alive, and yet dead; it was the Gentile world, that was without eternal life: the class of people that was numbered with the beasts (Eccl. 3-18) The class of people that had no bands in their death, and yet very wicked. (Psalms 17-14.) This was the class of the people he had reference to when he spoke of those in the grave. But listen, how much different is the language He uses when He speaks of them; than he does to those walking around Him.

"Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice. And shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. St. John 5-28-29.

In this he says, the hour is coming, in the former he said the hour is coming and now is; right then, when He was speaking. But He tells them to marvel not at that, for He says: The hour is coming when all that are in the grave. Then we want to find out when the hour did come, when all that were in the graves did hear his voice. And for proof we shall first notice the question Isaiah asked on this point in this language:

"Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such a thing? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." Isa. 66-8.

Now this work had so be done after Noah's time for Isaiah did not live until long after Noah was dead and gone. And Isaiah's prophesy when it was to be fulfilled; was in the far off future. And this took place between the hours of Christ's death, and His appearance to His disciples, after His resurrection: so as to comprehend this fact we shall quote you this:

"And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose. And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." Mat. 27-52-53.

Now this was not done in Noah's time; but just after the resurrection of Christ. We learn then by this that Christ went and preached to the spirits in prison. As you will find it in this language.

"For, for this cause was the gospel preached also to them

that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in flesh, but live according to God in the spirit." 1 Peter 4-6.

After Christ went and preached to the spirits in prison He arose from the dead. This was the first resurrection; during His stay in the prison houses of the dead is when He preached to the spirits in prison, those were spirits and not men in the flesh, and at his resurrection, is when the prison doors were opened and the prisoners let out. But this might not satisfy the reader. You might ask for more evidence, and with delight we shall give it so that we may know that we are right.

Therefore we quote you this: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." Luke 4-18. See Isa. 61-1.

At this time was when the prisons were opened. Not in Noah's time; but in Christ's resurrection from the dead. For Christ said that he was sent to proclaim liberty to the captives, and to open the prison to them that were bound. And he did it, and tells us so. And tells us just when all these things took place in this language:

"Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead bodies shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust; for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead." Isaiah 26-19.

How beautiful is the gospel of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. How plain He has left everything for us. But after seeing just when it was that Christ went and preached to the spirits in prison and then for us to still follow the pernicious teachings of man: that Noah went and did the preaching; the way of truth would surely be dark to us; but God help us to see the great light of Divine Truth, as it casts its light over a benighted world of mankind, and drives from center to circumference of the heart, all suppositions, and let the Royal Follage of Heaven's day elevate our souls, into the sphere of Divine Glory.

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Local News

Clifford Slate went to Norwood Monday.

Several cases of Small pox are reported in Mansfield.

Ben Herd passed thru here Saturday.

The Rebekah Lodge meets Saturday afternoon.

Miss Cordella Linder and her sister Miss Elda passed thru here last Saturday.

Homer James was quite sick the first of this week; but is able to be at work again.

Don't forget the I.O.O.F. lodge meets Saturday evening.

Mackey James who is doing some real estate business was in JAH-Ville Saturday.

Homer Alford and wife were in this neighborhood Saturday.

Judge Baker was doing some trading in JAH-Ville Saturday.

Sunday School at Brushyknob was well attended Sunday.

The singing at Mrs. James Sunday night was well attended and all report a most enjoyable time.

Bill Morgan has moved to the property formerly occupied by Shelt Morgan.

John Slate went to Mansfield Sunday and returned home Monday.

Nute Turley and family have gone to Nebraska. He had a sale on the 27.

Virgil and Clay Herd who have been in Kansas were called home unexpectedly by an anonymous letter that stated their mother was sick last week.

The war still goes on.

Mack Davis the veterinary surgeon has moved to Mansfield.

The Colony people are still working near Norwood.

Bobbie Taylor of near Olathe was seen in this neighborhood Saturday and Sunday.

The Musicales at Jason Roys Saturday night was well attended.

Logan Coats expects to start the last of this week for the West.

Emil Oliver and wife who have been with the Colony people at Norwood visited here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ollie Arnett who has been with the Colony people for some time left Sunday for her sisters at Saffordville, Kan.

S. N. Merritt and wife left Sunday for the wood cutting near Norwood.

There has been several cases of Measles near here, but every body seems to be well of them now.

J. W. Williams the Jeweler of Theodosia, Mo. was a visitor at the Colony Friday.

Mr. Mason, the road overseer met several of the taxpayers here Monday. The road tax this year is \$4.80 or 4 1/2 days work.

On account of not having any help we are just printing two pages. Just as soon as it is possible we will have help and will then print the regular four pages.

Col. Dawson accompanied by his daughter Mrs. Nettie Garrett and her son Baz, came down from Norwood Tuesday.

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One Pair, Medium Light, Senator, No. 6. Price \$2.25. For Cash..... \$2.00

One Pair, Medium Light, Crusade No. 10. Price \$2.50, For Cash..... \$2.00

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